

# **Samoan community uses 40kWh solar-powered container**





## Overview

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Why is Samoa launching a solar power project?

The project is part of Samoa's broader commitment to combat climate change and achieve energy independence. The new solar power project, developed with funding from international development partners including the Asian Development Bank (ADB), is expected to stabilise energy costs and increase energy security.

What is Samoa's Energy Initiative?

The initiative will involve the expansion of solar farms, battery storage systems, and energy efficiency programs to support domestic and commercial energy needs. Samoa currently relies heavily on imported diesel for electricity generation, making it vulnerable to fluctuating global oil prices.

Does American Samoa have a solar microgrid?

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa now boasts a solar microgrid from Tesla's SolarCity. Join us in *The People v. Climate Change* and share an environmental portrait of someone taking positive steps to protect the Earth on YourShot or social media. Use #MyClimateAction to share a first-person perspective on how we as humans face climate change.

How many people live in Samoa?

(The island's population varies with the season but usually falls between 200 and 600 people.) The solar project was installed by SolarCity, a California-based company recently purchased by Elon Musk's Tesla. The \$8 million project was funded by the U.S. Department of Interior and the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA).



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### ENERGY PROFILE Samoa

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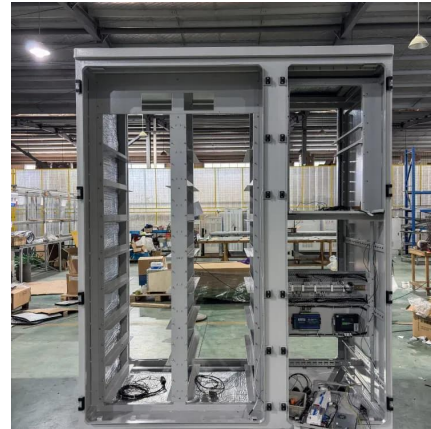


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